No. ECON 077/04

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ecuador and has the honor to refer to the Air Transport Agreement, with Annexes, signed by representatives of our two Governments at Washington September 26, 1986 ("the Agreement"), to the exchange of notes at Quito on October 23 and December 19, 1995, which modified Annex I of the 1986 Agreement, and to the exchange of notes at Quito on July 15, 2002, which further modified Annex I of the 1986 Agreement and to the exchange of notes at Quito June 25 and 30, 2003, which extended application of the 1986 Agreement (as modified) until June 30, 2004.

The Embassy proposes, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America that the competent authorities of the United States of America and the Republic of Ecuador continue to permit operations in accordance with the terms of the 1986 Agreement; and that Annex I, as modified in 1995 and 2002, and Annex II of the 1986 Agreement govern air services between our two countries through June 30, 2005.

Finally, the Embassy proposes that if acceptable to the Government of Ecuador, this note and the Ministry's affirmative note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Ecuador, which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's note in reply.

The Embassy of the United States of America takes this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurance of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,
June 21, 2004

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REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS

No. 36886 DGSL/04

The Ministry of Foreign Relations presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to acknowledge receipt of its note No. ECON-077/04, dated June 21, 2004, which reads:

[The English and Spanish texts of note No. ECON-077/04 have been compared by a responsible language officer of this Division and have been found to have the same meaning in all substantive respects.]

Accordingly, the Ministry of Foreign Relations is pleased to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that it accepts the proposal set forth in the above-referenced note. Consequently, said note and this reply constitute an agreement between the Governments of Ecuador and the United States of America, which shall enter into force on this date.

[Complimentary close]

Quito, 9 July 2004

Embassy of the United States of America, Quito.